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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kimberly A. Textoris on 6/18/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 22 line 1 "alkali" has been changed to – alkaline -; in line 3 before “,” – of at least 50 °C – has been inserted; in line 5 “alkaline” has been changed to – establish a pH of at least 11 -; and in line 6 before “,” – of at least 70 °C – has been inserted.

In claim 30 line 1 “the suspension of” has been deleted.

In claim 31 line 2 after “,” – obtained by the method of claim 22, - has been inserted.

In claim 35 line 2 “9” has been changed to – 12 -.

In claim 36 line 2 “agents” has been changed to – agent -.

In claim 39 line 1 “alkali” has been changed to – alkaline -; and in line 5 “alkaline” has been changed to - establish a pH of at least 11 -.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Peter A. Hruskoci/ whose telephone number is (571) 272-1160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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